

The fruit of the Spirit is one, Gal. 5:22. It is like nine grapes in a cluster. These relate to *character* not conduct. Character results in conduct.

The fruit is borne on the *branches*.

The abiding branch bears fruit because it can not help it. Our struggle should be not to bear fruit but to fulfill the conditions of fruit bearing.

There may be degrees of abiding or it may be intermittent, but the result tells.

Pruning causes increase of fruit, John 15:2. So sacrifice and hardships, Jas. 1:2, 3. The fate of the barren, John 15:6. The reward of the fruitful, Dan. 12:3.

To the Leader. This is a fruitful topic. Be full of it. Illustrate the conditions of fruit-bearing by a living plant. Have open parliament and all name hindrances or helps to fruit-bearing from experience. Have sentence prayers for greater fruitfulness.

FROM THE PRESIDENT.

THE CONVENTIONS.

From the first to the fifteenth of June there will be several conventions in the various districts, and doubtless the various work of the church will come before each of them, and as generally the case, the King's Children will be last, but it should not be least of the auxiliaries of the church that should have attention. The King's Children societies in those districts that hold their conferences this spring, should see to it that they send their delegates, and have a rousing session in the conventions. And as president of the King's Children societies, I pray the various program committees of the districts, to make a place on the programs for the young peoples work, and to do all in their power to make that session of equal importance with the rest. Appoint your most spiritual workers on the themes that are to be acted upon, and give them plenty of time to prepare the work. Vital subjects of the spiritual life of the work ought to be discussed, and practical ways of increasing spiritual growth will always create interest and enthusiasm. The young peoples relation to the missionary work of the church must not be overlooked, and I would recommend that the King's Children session be largely a missionary session. It will be profitable. Those who have observed closely, the work of our conventions, have noticed how the missionary work of the church, naturally lays hold of the hearts of our young people, and to me this is one of the most encouraging sentiments of the present day.

Young life must act or die. Older heads naturally do more staid thinking, and it is well; God has so decreed it. But young life must be doing. If it has not room to grow, it can not attain the perfection that the heavenly Father designed for it. Wisdom in the management of church work, will "be known in her children."

THE FUTURE OF THE KING'S CHILDREN.

Our future will be what we make it, and now is the making period in our history. We have all learned something by our past experiences, and among other things, we have learned that there is a place in the church work for the young people, which the older ones will not, or can not fill. How well the King's Children society is filling that place must be judged by their work. And if the present working plans of the society are not adequate, now is the time to think along the lines of expediency, and when our general conference meets, we can bring the best thoughts of our best thinkers together, and out of our past years experiences—successes and failures—we ought to be able to put better plans into operation. And I believe that we are now ready to take up the work in its broadest sense and incorporate plans that will cover the various fields of many congregations whose work must be essentially different from ours.

That the mission work will be the field of the young people of the church is not disputed, and can not be by any one who has watched their progress as closely as has the writer of this article. Young life must move in some direction. It can not be still, and if it is the life that was in him, the work of the Master in the salvation of souls must be its chief aim. All our young people's conventions take a missionary turn; it is natural, they can not help it. Others of maturer years may meditate on what has been done, and is now being done, but to us, it is doing. Older life naturally expresses itself mostly in adjectives, as life has been *sweet or bitter*. But to us, life is a *verb*. Think, act and do. Life is naturally spiritually minded, and looks upward and outward. Death, as naturally bears a fixed stare into the gloom and fog. There are some, who see only the dark side of all things, others see only the bright. So it has been said and perhaps with some truth, that the condition of the liver has much to do with some people's religion. Well if so, let me say, your living has much to do with your liver.

J. O. TALLEY.

TO THE KING'S CHILDREN.

Dear K. C. and Co-workers:—You no doubt have a faint recollection of the appeal that I made for books to our Young People's Society through the columns of a recent issue of the EVANGELIST. It is with regret that I must say up to this writing the first book has yet to be received. Now friends, I am sure if you could only realize the good you would be doing by sending us for the Mission some book

that you have read and are done with that may be laying in some snug corner or on some shelf covered with dust and robed in cobwebs, you would not hesitate forwarding it to us. I hope you will heed this call. May God help you is my prayer.

Yours in the work,

CHAS. HESSE.

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THE MISSIONARY CIRCLE.

The following names from Indiana have been enrolled since last report.

60, W. C. Perry, North Manchester; 61, David Flora, Flora; 62, John Chandler, Warsaw; 63, Winnie Lesh, North Manchester; 64, John M. Fox, North Manchester; 65, G. W. Rench, Milford; 66, Pearl O. Leonard, Elkhart.

The secretary will be glad to enroll new readers at any time or send literature to any address.

Those reading the course bear witness to the great good resulting from it. If only those with leisure could be induced to begin they would not have leisure until they had finished.

C. F. YODER, Sec.

Home Circle.

THREE P'S.

R. WILLIAM COWAN.

Ho, boys! I'd like to say to you.

As if I were your father.

With earnest mind and good intent,

A word—or three words, rather.

Pluck, Purpose, Perseverance they;

I call them simply glorious,

For they who have and use them well

Shall surely be victorious.

Purpose sees something to be done

For our own good or neighbor's;

Pluck dares to do it, and in faith

For the great object labors.

But Pluck and Purpose both are vain,

As teaches many a story;

'Tis Perseverance wins the day,

And leads the boys to glory.

—Golden Days.

TOMMY'S FIRST PENNY.

EMMA BEATRICE GNAGEY.

Tommy and Maude were twins. They were two of thirty very happy little people whom a kind gentleman had brought to the country to spend the summer. Away from the heat and dust of the noisy city their pale little faces soon began to grow brown and rosy. Ever since they were helpless little babes, Tommy and Maude had been together sharing alike their joys and sorrows. In their visit to the country, perhaps the greatest joy their short lives had known, they could not be